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All About Lindbergh

By Cornelius Chamberlain

LN the third decade of this century there came into existence a partnership that has established a feeling of brotherhood and good will among many of the most important nations of the world. That partnership is Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, affectionately termed "Lindy" by millions of admirers, and his plane, the "Spirit of St. Louis," now in the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

"No diplomatic bag ever carried such a stupendous document as this all-unaccredited messenger bore, and no visiting squadron ever delivered such a letter of thanks as he took up the Potomac in returning. Has any such Ambassador ever been known?" writes Myron T. Herrick in the foreword to "We."

February 4, 1902, was the day destined to become famous as the birthday of the "Lone Eagle." The first four years of his life were spent in Minnesota, with occasional visits to Detroit, Mich., his birthplace.

Following many barnstorming experiences Lindbergh joined the Air Mail Service, flying the Chicago to St. Louis route (C.A.M. 2), the contract for which had been awarded the Robertson Aircraft Corporation. First flight covers over this route are postmarked April 15, 1926.

Following his New York-to-Paris epic flight Lindbergh asked permission to fly once more his old route. This permission being granted he started from St. Louis on February 20, 1928, returning from Chicago the following day. A special cachet was authorized by the Government in the shape of a horseshoe, within which was lettered, "Lindbergh Again Flies the Air Mail." This cachet was ap-

plied to all air mail letters carried by him on this trip.

On the morning of May 20, 1927, in the "Spirit of St. Louis", Lindbergh took off for Paris. The lights of Paris were first visible at about 5 p. m. New York Time the following day. In his account he says, "I left France with a debt of gratitude which, though I cannot repay, I shall always remember."

Brussels, London, again Paris, and Cherbourg passed in rapid succession. The U. S. S. Memphis was sent by President Coolidge to bring the trans-Atlantic flier home.

At Washington Lindbergh was received by the president and other notable dignitaries. He attended a National Press Club meeting in the Washington Auditorium. Although many important speeches were given here the one naturally of most interest to philatelists is that made by Postmaster General New.

Handing to Lindbergh the first Lindbergh air mail stamp issued, he said:

"It is as pilot in the service of the Air Mail that I greet you. There is no public service devoted to the peace time of the public whose past and present are attested by the romance that is attached to the history of the Post Office Department of the United States.

"From the single couriers of the early days who followed the uncertain trails through wood and fen on horseback and on foot, the picturesque rider of the pony express of a later day, who risked their lives at the hands of savage foes in the wilderness, the drivers who serve amid the rigors of the frozen North with dog teams and sleds, to those intrepid pilots who pierce the night with the air mail, and of whom you are a worthy representative, the whole story is

set in an atmosphere of most engaging romance.

"It has no titles to bestow—no medal it can add to those that have been given in recognition of your splendid achievement. There is one thing, however, it can do that will everywhere be regarded as most appropriate. It has issued a stamp designed for special use with the air mail which bears your name and a representation of the other member of that very limited partnership in which you made your now famous journey across seas. It is the first time a stamp has been issued in honor of a man still living—a distinction which you have worthily won.

"It is my great pleasure to be privileged to present to you, and to the mother who gave you to this service, the first two copies of this issue as the best evidence of the enduring regard of the Post Office Department of the United States."

This stamp was first put on sale June 18, 1927, at Detroit, Little Falls, St. Louis, and Washington.

A special flight was made from St. Louis in honor of the "Lone Eagle" on June 18, when Lindbergh first visited that city after his Paris flight. This was also the first day of sale of the Lindbergh stamp. The cachet, except for the change in name of city, was the same as that used at Hartford on July 20.

The first Lindbergh Day flight after his return from Paris took place June 11, 1927, in Washington. This flight (not made by Lindbergh but in his honor) was made from Bolling Field, Washington, to Hadley Field, N. Y. The Post Office Department furnished a special rectangular cachet.

It was estimated that between 3,000,000 and 4,500,000 people lined the streets of New York in order to get a glimpse of the

young man who had so endeared himself to them. This was June 13, 1927.

July 20 marked the beginning of a good will flight that took Lindbergh into 48 states and the District of Columbia, to 82 cities, that kept him in the air 260 hours, and on which he flew a total distance of 22,350 miles.

Starting from Mitchell Field, New York, he arrived at Hartford, Conn., the same day. A cachet was applied to air mail on this day, part of the inscription reading "Use Air Mail—It Saves Time,"—highly appropriate since Lindbergh was continually boasting the air mail.

Boston was visited on July 22. Here a circular cachet was applied by the Contractors of C. A. M. I. In the center is a five line quotation from Colonel Lindbergh, "I am proud to have done it for America. My reward will be your continued use of the Air Mail Service."

Although Lindbergh was scheduled to stop at Springfield, Mass., he did not land but dropped a note while flying over.

At Detroit a cachet was applied by the Detroit Post Office Department, on the occasion of Lindbergh's visit. It is inscribed, "Colonel Lindbergh Visits Birthplace—Detroit—August 10, 1927."

August 12 saw Lindbergh at Grand Rapids, Michigan. A cachet was here applied, the design being similar to that used at Detroit, except for the wording.

A special flight was made at Springfield, Illinois, on August 15, by Lindbergh. All mail, however, was carried in the escort plane. A special cachet was furnished.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin, special appropriate postcards were distributed by the Post Office. A number were carried by air mail on the occasion of Lindbergh's visit, August 20-21.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, was visited September 2. A circular cachet was applied by the Postmaster. Covers with this cachet were carried by air mail on that day.

September 5 was Lindbergh Day at Boise, Idaho. A cachet was applied unofficially, although the Boise Post Office was acquainted with its use.

Portland, Oregon, was visited September 13. An unofficial Lindbergh Day cachet was applied there.

At Oakland, California, Lindbergh did not land in the city

proper but flew directly to the airport. (September 16).

An unauthorized three-line cachet was used at Sacramento, California, during Lindbergh's visit, September 17.

Los Angeles was visited September 20. A circular cachet was approved by the Post Office Department. Covers bearing this cachet were carried by air mail on that day.

A specially designed envelope was used at Tucson, Arizona, on Lindbergh Day, which was also the dedication day of the Davis-Monthan Airport.

A circular cachet was used by the El Paso Post Office, September 24-25.

Owing to the death of the Governor of Tennessee, who died two days before the date set for Lindbergh's visit (October 4), Lindbergh did not stop.

No cachet was applied at Birmingham, Alabama, on October 5-6, but the postmaster autographed 40 covers, with the notation "Lindbergh Day," forwarding them to Chicago.

At Richmond, Virginia (October 15-16) Lindbergh made a flight over the city on the 16th with Governor Byrd, but did not carry mail.

The Lindbergh Good-Will Tour in the United States terminated at Mitchell Field, New York, on October 23, 1927.

Following this tour, Colonel Lindbergh visited 17 other cities and 14 countries of the Western Hemisphere. The first of these, Mexico City, Mexico, saw Lindbergh nearly two months after the completion of his United States tour. Fourteen days later he was in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and on December 30 arrived at Belize, British Honduras. The "flying Colonel" spent New Years Day at San Salvador, Salvador, and on the third was in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Managua, Nicaragua, was visited two days later.

San Jose, Costa Rica, entertained the famous flyer January 7. The 12c stamp of the 1923 issue was surcharged with his name, a likeness of the Spirit of St. Louis, and a new value. This was all the more fitting as the original design of this stamp was the head and shoulders of another famous pioneer-explorer, Columbus, and the means of transportation by which he made his way to fame, the Mayflower. The one thing that mars this issue is the speculation connected with it. Of the 20,000 stamps overprinted one-half of the complete issue was cornered by one firm. A writer for the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" said not long afterward, ". . . No doubt we shall see some of them presently, but in the meantime I advise all readers interested not to be coerced into paying

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Belg.	New Charity issue.	6 var.	compl.	.58
Germany	new Charity issue.	6 var.	cpl.	.60
Haiti	Aeros.	50c vio.	at 15c;	.28
Jugo	Slavia	new issue.	50p, 1d, 3d, 3 var	.25
Latvia	Meierovics Conn.	5 var.	perf.	.50
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AP3.	1p blue and black			.70
Mozambique	new	50c violet, red & blk.		.06
Newfoundland	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c,	6 var.		.35
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NEW TYPE ORDINARIES

Austin, Tex., 1½c.
Buffalo, N. Y., 1½c.
Philadelphia, Pa., ½c.

Only three new varieties to report this week—but this is being written the day before Christmas, and I suppose we can forgive our readers if they neglect new-issue reportings somewhat at this time of year. However, two loyal friends helped with the above: Lee R. Clore of Texas; and Frank McChesny of Philadelphia. We hope our friends will help us report a long list of new items next week.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

Favors City Listing

Roy Erford, attorney, general stamp collector, and precancel and buroprint fan of Seattle, Wash., writes: "I have just read your suggestion in LINN'S that your readers indicate whether or not they favor the listing by states in the Buroprint Catalog. When I began collecting precancels many years ago, I rejected the advice of experts and arranged my collection alphabetically by cities. That appeared to be the best system then, and I am sure of it now. I consider it more interesting to have cities of the same name, but in different states, following one another so as to facilitate comparison. I do not favor collecting by states. I am a general precancel collector, but if I were to specialize in any particular precancels, I would be a little more original in fixing my limitations than to restrict myself arbitrarily to certain states."

Objects to Switching Systems

E. H. Rockwell, ardent Buro fan of Portland, Oreg., writes both facetiously and seriously: "Those boys who made up the last catalog and switched the listing by states should be paddled, as I imagine most bureau collectors who followed Mitchell's Catalog mounted by cities. Now we either have to remount or take a lot of extra work looking up items. Let the publishers make up their own catalog anyway they want—but why change? Yes, why the change from listing by cities to listing

under states? I have my bureaus mounted by cities according to Mitchell's Fourth Edition; my general precancels according to states, as in Rotnem's Catalog. Now I, as well as many others, will either have to remount my bureaus, or go to a lot of trouble looking up items when working on them. Let Hoover enter bureaus in his own way in the general catalog—but continue Mitchell's catalog by cities as heretofore. I cannot see that it makes any difference whether the bureaus are priced net or on a 50% basis . . . Yours for fewer commemoratives!"

NO PERIOD ERRORS AND FREAK BUROS

We have received a wonderful display of interesting buroprints from Mr. Charles Metz, of Philadelphia, Pa. Following is a complete list of the varieties submitted (all seen by the editor), and we agree with Mr. Metz that "some of these breaks are very interesting and hard to pick up. The no period varieties are really scarce and should find a place in the catalog as sub-varieties. Let's hear from some of the readers of Linn's in regard to this."

Distinct no-period varieties:

Lincoln, Nebr., old type 1½c P. 10x10, no period after Nebr.

Grand Rapids, Mich., old 3c coil, no period after Mich. (This leaves the Grand Rapids 2c old coil only which the editor has NOT seen without period.)

Detroit, Mich., old 3c P. 11x10½, no period after Mich.

Important Plate Breaks.

Denver, Colo., old 6c P. 10x10, with half of "V" broken off, and a wedge-like break in the upright of the "L".

Denver, Colo., old 1c and 3c P. 11x10½, with second "E" almost obliterated.

Newark, N. J., old 6c and 10c P. 11x10½, with upper half of "J" broken off so that the letter appears only about ½ normal height.

Grand Rapids, Mich., old 1½c P. 11x10½, with lower right corner of "n", bottom half of "d" in Grand, lower left serif of "R", and top left part of "M" all missing; it looks as if all these breaks had been made with one blow.

Breaks in Bars:

Chicago, Ill., old 2c P. 10x10, lower bar broken under "LL".

Saint Paul, Minn., old 4c P. 10x10, upper bar broken twice over "SAINT".

Seeming Letter Varieties:

(Most likely caused by poorinking, and not true plate varieties.) "K" instead of "H" in Chicago, Ill., 2c ord. new small type.

No cross-bar on "G" in Springfield, Mass., new small type 4c coil.

Different or Shifted Settings:

New York, N. Y., new 1½c coil: Variety 1: "NEW" evenly balanced above "YORK"; "N." directly below "Y" of YORK, "Y." midway below "RK"; variety 2: "NEW" almost directly above "ORK". "N" beneath "YO", "Y" beneath "K".

1916 Experimental New Orleans, La., 1c ord.: Variety 1: "NEW"

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directly above "LEAN", "LA." evenly balanced beneath "LEAN"; Variety 2: "NEW" shifted to left with "N" slightly to right of "R", and "W" above "A" but slightly to left; "LA." directly under "RLE".

Low "V" Variety:

Louisville, Ky., old type 10c P. 11x10½.

Besides all the above, Mr. Metz also submitted a number of varieties that had already been listed in this department. Mr. Metz is editor of the New Issue Department of The Precancel Advertiser, published in Whitewater, Wis. We welcome him as a contributor to our department.

WHY NOT COLLECT BURO BLOCKS AND PAIRS

E. S. Thresher, who writes "Buroprattles" in The Precancel Bee, has a very pertinent paragraph in the October issue which is worthy of reprinting in our department:

"Why the reluctance of some very enthusiastic buro collectors to go after blocks and coil pairs?

The answer I have had from some, was that they did not start soon enough. Granted, but will they ever be any commoner? Do collectors of straight U. S. blocks give up because they didn't start soon enough? The block and coil pair end of it is the big fun for me. I boastfully say that I have two perf. 10x10 blocks that Dr. Mitchell hasn't—yet the total of my perf. 10x10 blocks is "not so good." There can be no complete collection of blocks and pairs (probably), as there are several items unknown except in singles. Think of the late C. A. Carroll picking the only known block of the OKLAHOMA 1c out of the A. P. S. sales book for only 30¢! Wouldn't it be a thrill to pick a block of the Lynn 1c P. 10x10 out of a mission mixture? Not if you didn't have some other blocks to put it with.

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*Norway, 120-6	.75
*Panama, 256-7	.45
*Panama, 701	.75
*Panama, 702-4	.78
*Paraguay, 400-2	1.25
*Paraguay, 410-15	2.25
*Persia, 1122-28	1.00
*Persia, 1129-33	13.50
*Peru, 802	.48
*Poland, 401-9	.35
*Portugal, 266-81	3.40
*Roumania, 501-3	.35
*Russia, 706-9	.55
*Spain, 706-11	1.60
*Switzerland, 277-86	1.65
*Syria, 334-7	.75
*U. S. Africa, 305-6	.50

NEW ISSUES

*Argentine, 3 vals., new Columbus issue	\$.14
*Australia, 103	.05
*Costa Rica, 13c on 40	.06
*Cuba, 298-301	.85
*Czechoslovakia, 158-62	.58
*Danzig, 556-58	.42
*Denmark, 453-55	.28
*Dominican Rep., 249-53	.43
*Egypt, 146-49	.55
*Finland, 172-4	.20
*France, 250	.90
*France, 435-7	.22
*Haiti, 10c commem.	.05
*Irish F. S., 80-82	.45
*Italy, 232-38	1.85
*Latvia, 396-400	.48
*Latvia, 401-5	.48
*Mexico, 976-9	.12
*Persia, 734	.40
*Romania, 347-52	.38
*Spain, new Charity, 6 vals., just out	.42
*Canal Zone, 64-5	.33
*Danzig, 117-55	.90
*Egypt, 105-7	2.15
*Egypt, 141-3	.40
*Egypt, 225	.20
*France, 191	.80
*France, 431	1.00
*French Oceanica, 43-7	.38
*Germany, 363-5	.35
*Germany, 482-5	2.60
*Gilbert & Ellice, 8-11	1.10
*Greece, 338-42	.62
*Italy, 138-42	1.50
*Italy, 152-7	3.50
*Latvia, 57-58	\$.20
*Latvia, 132-4	.75
*Latvia, 153-8	.75
*Latvia, 363-66	.28
*Latvia, 367-70	1.50
*Latvia, 384-9	1.05
*Liechtenstein, 307-10	.60
*Lithuania, 70-80	1.95
*Lithuania, 97-111	1.95
*Lithuania, 165-75	2.75
*Lithuania, 226-32	.68
*Luxemburg, 315-19	.38
*Luxemburg, 330-4	.26
*Maldives, 7-10	.32
*Monaco, 97-99	.90
*Newfoundland, 127-30	6.75
*New So. Wales, 191	1.10
*New Zealand, 179-81	1.40
*Nicaragua, 401-7	.35
*Niue, 13-17	1.25
*Norway, 127-30	.62
*Palestine, No. 2	1.00
*Palestine, 3-9	.50
*Philippines, 319-24	.85
*Philippines, 701-4	.90
*Roumania, 291-301	1.00
*Roumania, 320-7	.40
*Roumania, 328-34	.80
*Roumania, 336-42	.65
*Saar, 120-34	1.15
*Saar, 405-8	.40
*Saar, 409-14	1.35
*Saar, 415	8.50
*San Marino, 77-80	1.75
*Surinam, 127-33	3.25
*Surinam, 401-3	.20
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Mexico -- Carranza Air Stamps

Air Mail Week was celebrated in Mexico the week of December 10 to 16. Since this week was celebrated by the issue of two new postage stamps an account of their issue is of interest to all philatelists whether particularly interested in Air Mail stamps or not. Perhaps a reprint of the story of the issue of these stamps as given in "El Timbre Postal," a Philatelic Magazine of Mexico, will be of much interest. It will be noted that the Mexican paper speaks of the "sail" of these stamps. Since these are Air Mail stamps and are intended to sail, the writer is not far wrong and we let it stand as written.

"On Tuesday, the 10th of the month of December the Air Mail Week began, which was dedicated to the Mexican Aviation Heroe, Capt. Emilio Carranza and for this event the P. O. issued a set of Commemorative Stamps of two values, with which the correspondence, sent by Air Mail during this week, should be franked. Said values are of 40 and 20 centavos. Of the later one, as we already indicated before to our members, 100,000 were issued, whilst of the 40 centavos only 3,000.

"On the 9th., one day before the sail began, we heard the rumor, that in consequence of the limited quantity of the 40 Cts. Stamp, only a block of 4 would be sold to each person; furthermore that the sail would take place in a special office established for this case in Balbuena (Air Port). This last notice proved untrue.

"For the sail of these stamps one window on the P. O. was reserved, in front of which already at 8 a. m. about 50 persons had gathered, waiting for their turn, gradually more and more people came and at 9 a. m., when the window was opened to the public, more than 300 persons were present.

"Of these 3,000 stamps of 40 Cts. a certain quantity was sent to the POSTAL UNION, in Bern, another lot was sent to the Air Ports and important towns of the Republic, for this reason, only a very limited quantity remained in Mexico City. If really a block of 4 had been sold to each person, as it was the first intention, it would have resulted, that only very few people would have been favored with the acquisition of the stamp, but due to the excellent dispositions of the Local Administration of the P. O. only two stamps were sold to each person. At 10 o'clock, one hour later, the window was closed, because the quantity, reserved for the first day, had been exhausted. We were informed, that next day the sail would continue at the

same hour and at the same place. "Due to the fact, that on the 10th. already one hour before the sail began, there was such a big crowd, we decided to be there at 7 a. m. on the 11th., but we were very much surprised to find at this early hour about 200 people augmenting from minute to minute and at 9 o'clock there were more than 500. Therefore the Postal Authorities decided to sell only one piece to each person. After one hour the whole stock had been exhausted and the window was closed.

"In the hall of the P. O. during these two days, the majority of the Mexican Stamp Dealers were busy to get hold of some of these stamps and the first day, just to get a few, they offered \$3 mex. for each stamp and the second day some American Dealers offered even \$6 mex., without getting many."

NEWTON, KANSAS, ORGANIZES

The stamp collectors of Newton, Kansas, met and organized Monday evening, December 30. They decided to call the organization the Sunflower Stamp Club and elected as officers the following: Claude Conkey, attorney for the Railroad Building Loan, President; Dr. H. P. Knowles, Vice-President; F. J. Crouch, division accountant for the Santa Fe Railway, Secretary-Treasurer.

There are about thirty active collectors in Newton and it is planned to extend the activities of this organization to surrounding counties and communities. By-laws and constitution will be drawn up with provision for sales department.

It was voted by the members present at the meeting to subscribe to four stamp publications, including Linn's Weekly Stamp News, which publications were to be sent to the Newton Free Public Library.
—John B. Heffelfinger.

I overheard the following conversation at a stampic meeting of girls. (I was taking care of the radio) One gal asked, "Java nice time at the Reunion yesterday?" Other femmie sed, "No, Victoria spilled Chile and Greece on my New Jersey."

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Philadelphia Stamp Club Pays Tribute to Charles E. Severn

The regular monthly meeting of Philadelphia Chapter No. 18 of the A. P. S. was held at the Arcadia Cafe, Philadelphia, on December 19th with dinner at 6:30 P. M.

Mr. Dengler spoke of this meeting as taking the form of a memorial to the late Charles Esterly Severn of Chicago.

Mr. Wolsieffer then spoke at length in regard to Mr. Severn and in most beautiful words depicted his life and character.

The Secretary then read a resolution prepared by himself and which on motion made and seconded was unanimously adopted, as follows:

Minute on the Death of Charles Esterly Severn

"By the guiding hand of God, another of America's greatest Philatelists has entered within the veil.

"Charles Esterly Severn of Chicago passed from this life, very suddenly on December 14th, but his name will live forever in the annals of Philately, for to him, perhaps more than to any other man is due the popularity of Philately in this country.

"Primarily he was a collector and continued his interest to the end, although he changed the character of his collections from time to time. But he will not be remembered by us and those coming after us so much for his collecting, as for his literary work in connection with his hobby.

"He was a booster in the best sense of that word, and with a versatile mind and an itching pen he has left an indelible mark upon the pages of Philatelic literature.

"As the editor of *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*, he put into practice the experience gained in earlier stamp journals and made of this, his last venture, a magazine that is outstanding among a long list of similar periodicals.

"But it is not strange that Mr. Severn should have wielded such an uplifting influence upon Philately. His power lay in his personality. To those who knew him, there is a real sense of personal loss in his passing. He was one of the pioneers in organized Philately having very early joined the American Philatelic Society and continued active in it unto the end. Unless prevented by necessity, he was always present at the gatherings of the Clan and with ready speech and sound mind had something constructive to offer for the upbuilding of Philately. His general personality will be missed in future gatherings but those of us who have known him in life or by

his writings will miss him still more.

"One of the Pillars in our Temple of Collectors has fallen. Let us give to him all honour and cherish his memory for the things that he has done to make us what we have become.

"To his sorrowing widow and family, we, the members of the Philadelphia Chapter No. 18 of the American Philatelic Society, extend our deepest sympathy and have ordered the above minute spread upon the records of our chapter and that a copy be sent to the family of our departed brother, friend and inspirer of every Philatelic undertaking."

Clarence Clark Sylvester,
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WATERMARKS OF THE 1900- 1904 FRENCH CONGO POSTAGE STAMPS

By "Mufti"

The postage stamps of the French Congo of 1900 to 1904 possess several unique watermark designs. Three of them, to be exact, are worthy of brief recognition. These three are: (1) the branch of an olive; (2) the branch of a thistle; (3) a rose branch.

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The second type appears with the rose branch watermark. The stamps in the series run from twenty centimes to 75 centimes.

The third type appears with the olive branch watermark. The stamps in this series run from one franc to 5-francs.

The designs of this series of postage stamps shows native animals, native scenery and native people. A panther in ambush, a woman of the Bakaloi tribe, and a grove of cocoanut palms at Libreville feature the main designs.

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EDITORIALS

THE AIR MAIL SOCIETIES One of the first philatelic events of 1930, that will undoubtedly be long remembered is the organization of another national society for the collection of Air Mail stamps and Air Mail Covers. This society has adopted the very attractive and appropriate name of the American Aero Philatelic Society. Its birth was brought about by the dissension in the ranks of the American Air Mail Society, that all but split this society into two camps before the election of its officers late in 1929.

The cause for the birth of this new society is a sound one and we see every reason why it should grow and prosper. In fact, if the enthusiasm for the class of collecting which has brought about the organization of this new society is as strong throughout 1930 as it was during the season of 1929 (we say season, for this collecting that we speak of flourishes best throughout the warmer weather) then the one great thing that the sponsors of this society will have

to be careful about is that the success of it does not go to their head and throw them into a tail spin. Big things have been wrecked by just such causes.

Air mail cover collecting during the spring and summer of 1929, grew by leaps and bounds. It was the one big outstanding feature of last year. The cause for this is simple, and is a cause that is peculiar to stamp collectors. Stamp collectors like to enter personally into the game of collecting their stamps. Stamp collectors like the personal contact of acquiring their stamps. Stamp collectors like action and lots of it and when the possibilities of air mail cover collecting were apparent to many of them they immediately took up that branch of the hobby. Inexperience in this new field led many of them into things about which they knew but little and about which they had much to learn but the stamp collector is usually a good sport if he enjoys the game and is willing to pay to learn and that is what many of them did.

Airports were being dedicated all over the country, Aviation Shows, Air Races and other events were numerous and it became the fashion to gather covers mailed on the day of these events, postmarked at the city or town where the event was held and stamped with a cachet in commemoration of the event. The news of the various events was broadcast in the Philatelic Press and the collector personally sent his covers and had them come to him through the mail. Something was happening all the time and the enthusiasm of those who became interested in gathering these covers was at fever heat. Unscrupulous dealers, collectors and traders fostered cachets for events that were in no way connected with either Air Mail or with Aviation, they issued cachets for events which were not announced to others and thus cornered the available supply and sold at excessive prices. Many things were done that should not have been done due to the enthusiasm that was manifest in this new form of collecting.

Gathering these covers became such a fad that certain collectors of Official and strictly Government Flights became alarmed at the growth of interest in what they considered trash. That much of the material collected was or will be trash we readily admit but on the other hand there were numerous covers with cachets issued under the unofficial group of covers that these gentlemen spurned, that will in time become very desirable and very valuable covers. They are backed up by historical events in direct connection with the Air Mail Service of this country and will in time become the foundation of a group of covers that will be eagerly sought for.

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While the newly formed American Aero Philatelic Society is formed for the purpose of promoting the collection of Air Mail Stamps, First Flights, C. A. M.'s, F. A. M.'s, etc., it is also formed for the collector who is interested in the class of covers that we have just discussed and it is evident from the reasons which brought about the formation of this society that this class of covers will be strongly backed by the new society.

The Board of Control of the society consists of Olin D. Herriott of Missouri, Todd Fagan of Kansas and Bob Brooks of Michigan. We understand that the membership is already growing rapidly and anyone who is interested in joining can have an application blank by addressing the publisher of this paper who will be glad to supply same.

ROBERT D. BYRNES OF THE Hartford Courant of Hartford, Conn., tells us that he is getting splendid support from W. C. Phillips and officers of the local club in Hartford in handling his new column devoted to stamps in the Courant. A clipping of the column in the December 22 issue certainly shows that Mr. Byrnes is highly capable of writing Philatelic matter that is of great interest to stamp collectors.

AN UNUSUALLY INTERESTING cover comes from Mr. W. L. Reynolds of Pleasant Prairie, Wis. It contains on its face what Mr. Reynolds offers as the complete issue of Commemorative stamps of 1929. In order that he would not miss any of the issues he waited until December 31st to mail it and on the cover are the three varieties of the Edison, the Fallen Timbers, the Sullivan, the George Rogers Clark and the Ohio Canalization issue. This totaled but 14c and since the cover came by Air Mail and Special Delivery a current 1c is added.

GEORGE A. ZIMMERMAN OF Chicago is doing stunts for the Air Mail Society and his latest one is to fly with the mail from Chicago to Cincinnati as a guest of the Embry-Riddle Company where he was to help Cincinnati collectors organize an air mail society at the Hotel Gibson on

December 28th. The cover is signed by both Mr. Zimmerman and his pilot, Ted Hubbell.

H. A. THATCHER OF SIOUX City, Iowa, sends a novel New Year's greeting to which is attached a beautiful block of four 1½c Sioux City Bureau Prints. And as H. A. suggests its going into my album in 1930.

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SAMUEL GITTIS OF PHILADELPHIA says that he has been too busy the past couple weeks to do much with stamps. He gives as the reason for this—"It's a boy." Which of course brings our congratulations and Samuel feels so good over the new issue that he is celebrating by using a half page of space in this issue of Linn's Weekly. We hope some of our advertisers have twins.

DONALD E. DICKASON OF Wooster, Ohio, will hold his third auction of air mail covers at Wooster on January 25th. Its a whale of a sale with over 3000 lots and contains things that will interest any collector. If you have not yet received a catalog you can no doubt get one by asking for it. Ours came with a 2c Ohio Canalization stamp precanceled Wooster, Ohio.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER OF PHILADELPHIA has just sent the publishers a bundle of letters that have come to him in the past couple months, inquiries for his auction lists and suggests that we might find it desirable to send sample copies to such names as are not on our list. The idea is a good one, we will appreciate such names from others who wish to lend a hand.

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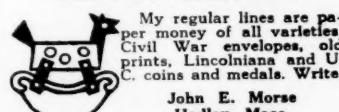
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It is now definitely announced that the New York, Rio & Buenos Aires line will inaugurate Northward Air Mail service on March 1st, 1930. This line will extend from Buenos Aires, Argentina, and stop at Montevideo, Uruguay; Pelotas, Porto Alegre, Florianopolis, Itajahy, Paranaqua, Santos, Rio de Janeiro, Campos-Barra, Victoria, Carabello, Bahia, Aracaju, Maceio, Pernambuco, Paraiba, Natal, Fortaleza, Sao Luis, Para, Brazil; Cayene, French Guiana; Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana; Georgetown, British Guiana; Port of Spain, Trinidad; Caracas, Venezuela; Martinique, Martinique; Guadeloupe, Guadeloupe; San Juan, Porto Rico; Santo Domingo, Dominican; Port au Prince, Haiti; Santiago, Camaguey, Cienfuegos, Havana, Cuba; Miami, or Tampa, Jacksonville, Savannah, Charlestowm, Wilmington, Norfolk, Washington, Baltimore and New York.

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F. A. M. No. 9 TO MONTEVIDEO

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An International Airport Exhibition, the first of its kind ever held, is being organized by The Aero Club de France, at the Pavillon de Marson, 107 Rue de Rivoli, Paris, France, to be held from November 6th to the 16th, 1930. It is reported that a Post Office will be installed at the Exhibition with special cachets for the obliteration of correspondence.

CANADIAN

Canadian Arctic Flight covers keep coming slowly, this week's are: Fort Resolution, Fort Providence, Hay River, Fort Fitzgerald, and Fort Smith. It took a total of four planes to carry these 120,000 letters.

On Jany. 4th, W. Irving Glover, Second Asst. Postmaster General announced that extension of American Air Mail service into Canada was contemplated at an early date, and that he was leaving at once for Ottawa to discuss such extensions with Canadian postal officials. The principal extensions now contemplated are between St. Paul and Winnipeg, and Great Falls, Montana, and Winnipeg, where these services will connect with the new Western Prairie Air Mail services of the Canadian Postal Department.

Oskelaneo-Chibougamou covers came in today, postmarked Dec. 24th, and backstamped Dec. 31st. Usual interesting cachets.

AMERICAN AERO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The American Aero Philatelic Society has arrived. The first Board of Control is composed of the first three members, namely, D. Olin Herriott, Todd Fagan and Bob Brooks. Welcome to the Pathway of the Skies, Boys, and if you succeed in your endeavors to benefit the collectors, we're for you. There's still room in the Air for all of the enthusiasts and many more of them.

PONCA CITY, OKLA.

Ponca City, Okla., dedication has been postponed from January 1st to around March 1st. A cachet is assured.

We believe that Charlotte, North Carolina, will become a stop on CAM No. 19 in January, 1930, and that it's safest to send in covers.

COMING AIR SHOWS

January 21—Detroit, Mich., Society of Automotive Engineers.

February 5-12—New York Aviation Show, auspices of Aviators Post of American Legion.

February 15-23—St. Louis, Mo., International Aircraft Show.

March 6-15—Pittsburgh, Pa., Second Annual Aircraft Show.

March 26-April 1—Cincinnati, Ohio, Aircraft Show.

April 5-13—Detroit, Mich., Third All-American Aircraft Show.

May 3-10—New York, Madison Square Garden Aircraft Show.

September 1-6—The Hague, Holland, Fifth International Air Congress.

The Aeroposta Argentine (Latecoere group) commenced regular mail service between Buenos Aires, Bahia Blanca, and Comodoro Rivadavia on November 1, 1929, with stops also at San Antonio Oeste and Trelew.

CINCINNATI AIRCRAFT SHOW

From March 26th through April 1st. There will be a standard cachet for the event and then an extra cachet each day for the various days of the show. The list is as follows:

Wednesday, March 26, Press Day.

Thursday, March 27, Civic Club Day.

Friday, March 28, Manufacturers' Day.

Saturday, March 29, School Day.

Sunday, March 30, Suburban Day.

Monday, March 31, Army and Navy Day.

Tuesday, April 1, Women's Day.

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South American News

From A. H. Davis, Buenos Aires,
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De Pinedo, the aviator, has been appointed to the Italian Embassy in Buenos Aires as aviation attaché.

The Aeroposta Argentina will shortly inaugurate an airway from Montevideo to the interior and the route as far as Salto is at present being surveyed.

The Lufthansa Co. of Germany propose to open a combined passenger and airmail service from Hamburg to Argentina next year. The section from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires will be under the control of the Kondor Syndikat of Brazil.

The Scadta Co. have obtained from the Peruvian Government a contract to open an airmail route between Peru and Columbia. They also announce that they will extend their daily service from Giaardot to Bogota thereby accelerating the arrivals of the mails in New York.

It will be remembered that the Peruvian aviators Pinelos and Zegarra attempted a flight last year from Lima to New York via Argentina and Brazil but on arrival at Para were compelled to turn back to Lima via Iquitos. They carried a few covers from Santiago to Buenos Aires and from Montevideo to Rio. Pinelos has recently created a South American record by remaining 23½ hours in the air in a Bellanca-Wright machine. He flew a distance of 3350 Km. in a circle at an average speed of 162 Km. per hour.

The Fawcett Co. is now operating a weekly airmail service between Lima and Talara and Lima-Arequipa with many intermediate stages.

The Lloyd Aero Boliviano is studying the prolongation of their lines on the following route: Rio de Janeiro, Puerto Suarez, Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, Oruro, LaPaz, Arica. The route from Santa Cruz to Cochabamba has now 11 landing places and 15 meteorological stations.

The Tela Railway Co. of Honduras have recently acquired two Fokker and Bellanca machines for their passenger and airmail service between Tegucigalpa and the Atlantic ports.

A French official aviation commission is now here for the purpose of studying and projecting various airmail routes in South America. They are making the journey in a Potez machine and their flight will terminate in Brazil. They have already traversed Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile.

FLORIDA EVENT

Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

The "Florida Statewide Air Tour" sponsored by the state chamber of commerce will take place January 16 to 24, covering principal cities of the state. Tallahassee, the capitol city, is among the stops. I am preparing to have

a special cachet for this occasion and in addition will probably have one of the biggest surprises yet for air mail collectors. Please announce in your paper that I will take care of covers, providing they send cash for stamping as special covers will be used. A few cents extra to take care of expense incurred in preparing cachet, etc., will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,
J. KARL HOWARD,
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Santa Rosa, Burbank, May 18 or 19, either date 15

FLORIDA—St. Petersburg, Lindbergh Day, May 21 20

IOWA—Grinnell, Airport Dedication, etc., Oct. 18-19-20, Set of three, one with postmaster autograph 50

A single cover, our choice 15

Ames, Aeronautic Conference, May 27-8-9, set, three dates 40

INDIANA, Indianapolis, Air Races, May 30 15

Indianapolis, Aviation Show, May 27-June 2, seven dates, set 1.00

Single day, our choice 15

ILLINOIS, Chicago, 1928, International Aeronautical Exposition, complete set, 9 dates, Dec. 1-9 1.25

KANSAS, Kansas City, Fairfax Airport, June 12 15

MISSOURI, St. Louis, Third National Aeronautic Meeting, May 27-30, each 15

COLUMBUS, OHIO, CACHETS

Dedication of Port Columbus, July 8, 1929 15

Henry Ford Attends Dedication Port Columbus, July 8, 1929, a printed cachet, only 104 issued 25

Amelia Earhart embarks on first T. A. T. flight from Port Columbus, July 8, 1929, only 104 issue, two color printed cachet 25

Welcome to Port Columbus, Women Derby Flyers, Aug. 26, 1929, two color printed cachet, less than 100 issued 25

Army Air Maneuvers, May 15-25, 1929, complete set, 11 covers 1.50

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY C. A. M. 16

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AN UNUSUAL VARIETY

When a postage stamp appears in some other form than that in which it is usually issued or than that in which it is intended to be issued it is either an error or is printers waste that should not have escaped the eye of the inspector and should have been destroyed rather than issued.

The same is true of a sheet of stamps as a whole. Our rotary press stamps are printed from rolls of paper much as rolls from which Newspapers are printed. If someone could obtain a large roll or even a piece of a roll several feet long they would have a piece that was out of the ordinary, a piece that was not intended to be issued in that manner, in effect an error.

When the stamps are printed from rolls they come out of the presses and are immediately cut into panes of 400 stamps, practically the size of the panes that are originally printed on the old style flat bed engraving presses. We obtain complete sheets of 400 of these in imperforate form but no one has yet obtained these sheets of 400 perforated. They are not issued in that manner. The best we see is a quarter of one of these sheets of just 100 stamps.

Therefore, when a sheet of stamps of the rotary press printing that contains more than 100 stamps is found it is in effect an error, just as much an error as would be a single stamp in a form other than its usual form.

Mr. Don C. Minnick of the Lake Stamp Company of Toledo, Ohio, has submitted a part of a sheet which leaves lots of room for speculation as to "how it got that way". The piece submitted is a block of ten stamps from the lower right hand corner of a pane of 100 stamps. The margin at the bottom shows the wiggly line cut that divides the sheets as they come from the press. At the right is the margin that comes between the two panes of 100 stamps. This margin should be split vertically when the panes are cut apart. Thus separating the large sheet into smaller sheets. By some means, the sheet became folded and when cut through in this margin, the part of the sheet that was folded under was not separated from the other sheet and since being found and smoothed out, there is a pair of stamps attached to the block of ten originally mentioned and there is the margin between two sheets joining this pair to the block of ten.

The piece is in the nature of an error yet all the stamps are perfect. If separated, they would be like any other stamps but in the form in which they now are this piece is a sheet error of much interest.

We have no knowledge as to probable value of such a piece. It is a fact that material of this sort is not eagerly sought for. Yet to the owner of such a piece it is of much interest and if valued according to its scarcity would rate very highly. Possibly it is for this very reason that little attention has been paid to misprints, folded papers and other varieties that are caused in the process of manufacture. Each such piece is almost unique and should there be a determined effort on the part of any number of collectors to gather such material the price for any piece would soon run to prohibitive figures.

ALBANY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS TREE

The Fort Orange Stamp Club of Albany, N. Y., had their Christmas tree Monday evening, December 30th. The tree was beautifully decorated, and loaded down with various well selected covers, also a great assortment of stampless covers, and an overflow of an unusual lot of rare items. There was plenty for everybody and no member was forgotten.

Mr. Warner Bates acted as Santa Claus and delivered a little speech of some kind befitting each member and his particular hobby in stamps, as he presented him his gift of rarities.

Mr. C. B. Svensson, Steward of the Club, well known in the field of the culinary art, served a very tempting buffet lunch, and everybody had a jolly good time.

The committee in charge was: F. L. Schwartz, Chairman; W. L. L. Peltz, Dr. T. O. Gamble, J. L. Roberts and C. B. Svensson.

—Chas. B. Svensson.

A. F. M. A. ELECTION

The Americal Flying Mail Association which is less than eleven months old held its first national election of officers on December 26th at Minneapolis. The counting of ballots was postponed for ten days due to Christmas delay of the mails.

A total of 103 ballots were cast and the result of the election is as follows: President, Secretary and Treasurer, Henry O. Meisel of Clintonville, Wis.; Vice-President, Publicity Manager and Historian, Lawrence S. Clark of Minneapolis; Bulletin Manager, J. W. Stoutenberg, Maplewood, Mo.; Sales and Exchange Manager, Carl J. Schumann of Columbus, Ohio; Service and Cover Manager, Robert P. Cox of Harrisburg, Pa. Ten directors were elected.

The A. F. M. A. now has 186 members. Dues are very low and bulletins are sent free to members, as well as the Official Organ.

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AUSTRIAN MUSICIANS

Generally the portraits of men of great political renown are chosen as designs for postage stamps; but not always. In 1922, Austria issued a set of stamps, celebrating the great Austrian musicians. The issue became popular overnight, partly because of the beauty and clarity of the design, and largely because of its unique subject. Haydn, who appears on the 2½ kronen, was born in 1732. Although he wrote on a large scale his masterpiece is, undoubtedly, the "Creation." After contributing much to the world's knowledge of music, he died in 1809. On the 5 kronen appears the bust of the incomparable Mozart, who, at the age of five, was an accomplished musician. His brilliant career was cut short in 1791 by his untimely death. Beethoven, the German genius, who created works while deaf, is portrayed on the 7½ kronen. His "Unfinished Symphony" is second to none, and, taking into consideration the circumstances under which it was written, it must be placed in a class by itself. Schubert (10 kronen) was, perhaps, the most active of composers, writing over a thousand pieces in a lifetime that lasted but thirty-one years. His seventh symphony belies the genius of Beethoven. Bruckner, Strauss and Wolf are the other members of the series. Although not quite as illustrious as their contemporaries, they are, nevertheless, numbered among the world's greatest musical geniuses, and are worthy of the esteem in which they are held.

ANSWERS TO— What Do You Know?

Following are the answers to the questions in last week's paper.
(1) Russia No. 177. (2) Japan No. 147. (3) A pair of stamps, one inverted. (4) Three—Isabella, Martha Washington and Victory. (5) Buenos Aires 1858. (6) Great Britain, May 1840. (7) Thessaly. (8) Cape of Good Hope, 1853. (9) 1869. (10) Monaco.

CAMOENS COMMEMORATIVE

In 1924 Portugal celebrated the four hundredth birthday of one of their truly great personages, Luis de Camoens (he is portrayed on the twenty-five centavos of the commemorative issue). He was termed the greatest of Portuguese poets, and his "Lusiad" is a classic. A satire, published in 1553, met with royal disfavor and he was banished to Macao for seventeen years. It was while abroad that he began his Lusiad, and while on a voyage he was shipwrecked, losing all his property except the document (a graphic picture of his saving the "Lusiad" is on the eight centavo; a tribute to the work is depicted on the fifty centavos). When his immortal work was published, he became popular and, also, poor. He died on the 18th of June, 1579. His body, lying in state, and the magnificent statue erected in his memory can be seen on the higher values of the set.

RUANDA URUNDI

Many collectors are in doubt as to the classification of those stamps of Belgian Congo which are surcharged "Ruanda Urundi." Scotts list them under the general heading of "Belgian East Africa," which classification is as good as any. In reality, Ruanda and Urundi are territories in the vicinity of Lake Tanganyika, adjacent to Belgian Congo. Formerly a part of German East Africa they were ceded to Belgium as mandatory of the League of Nations. The total area is 18,000 square miles and the native population is well over 3,000,000. They are united, administratively, with Belgian Congo under a vice governor. However, they are separate territories and should not be classified under Congo.

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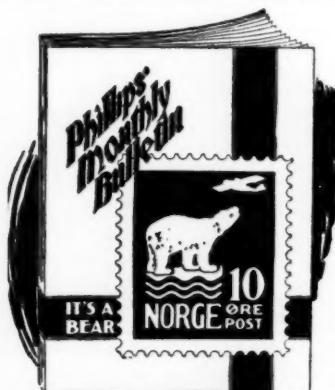
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"IT'S NOT A WITCH"

By Joseph Charles Salak

So the Junior Philatelic Society of America thinks that a witch on the current 2c U. S. Washington red stamp? Well close, very close study will reveal that this is none other than Uncle Sam with the goatee and all. Look at it again. Washington's ear on this stamp serves as the nose for Uncle Sam. This is just a chance caricature, and not caused with serious intentions of the engraver. Each stamp and most all pictures have some freak suggestions about them; and only close scrutiny will reveal them.

Take Ireland's current map stamp for example; when this stamp is held side ways a portrait of Winston Churchill is seen. And in the design of Czechoslovakia's stamps of the Liberty type, a woman on bended knee with her arms raised in prayer is shown and it is said that concealed in this design portraits of Wilson and Lloyd George can be seen? I have been unable to locate them yet.

Stories from time to time are circulated that various artists have purposely associated HIDDEN MEANINGS in their stamp designs; but it is taken for granted that a true philatelist will not take these rumors seriously.

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